

Yanks Will Have Thorny Path, Says Cobb: Britons Would Stage Dempsey-Carpentier Bout

BARELY WON LAST SEASON, TIGER LEADER POINTS OUT

Declares Too Many Things Can Happen to Make Any Club Overwhelming Favorite—Expects His Team to Show Improvement.

BY JOHN B. FOSTER.
"I'm only a poor novice manager in the American League," said Ty Cobb after his fellow managers had attempted to lure his players from him. "I'm just beginning. I haven't got to the stage of experience where my hair is white enough to put me in the class of the prophets, but I'll bet a Georgia peach against a Virginia persimmon that there is more fight in the contest for the pennant next year than some of the critics are predicting. Listen to me. I'm not taking up any fight against those boys who write, but I think that some of them have under-

"All of them seem to forget that New York just managed to nose Cleveland out. Detroit helped to do that. Almost at the end of the season, when the Yankees wanted Cleveland beaten as often as possible, we got out the old pudding stick in Detroit and rode roughly over Speaker and the Indians. You could hear Tris groan inwardly every time that we scored a run. Our was a mighty handy victory. I don't know. They were going to get themselves that you could call them visitors on Easy Avenue, and the more frequently they were indirectly helped by having some other team defeat Cleveland the better their prospects for winning.

"Toward the end of the season, I got in the air, as such things do, that the Yankees were coming through. Ball players began to talk about it, and every time that a National League player saw an American League player, the first thing he would say to him would be 'Well, look at the Yankees have got it copped all right in your league.' When players hear that sort of thing coming from the outside, they begin to figure that maybe they haven't got things sized up well in their own league and then everybody gets nervous.

"You figure on the closeness of last year's race as an argument for the closeness of this year's race? I don't see the perspective of any changes in players," was asked.

"That's just about it. Tip four or five games the wrong way for New York and Cleveland just when things begin to warm up and see where they land this year. They'll be fighting for a chance as hard as they were in 1921, and some of the other clubs will be coming along and give them more of a chance as hard as they were in 1921. I don't say that Detroit will do it, but I do say that we will play better ball this coming season than we did last.

Knows Tigers' Weakness.
"No one needs to tell me where the Detroiters are weak. When I had to let Donnie Bush go from shortstop last summer, after the long term of years, I had had him for years, and I knew the beginning of the breaking up of the infield. It had to come some day and it was just in the order of things that I had to do it the first year that I tried to be a manager. If I hadn't been manager, the man who filled the job would have had to do the same thing.

"They have been trying to get Veach away from me, but New York is not the only club that's after him. New York wants him because the Ruth suspension changes him and menacing over the Yankees. I need Scott as badly as they need Veach, and I'm not giving him away. What I mean by that is that I want players for players. The Detroit club is not hard up on cash, but I do not think it can't get players.

Says Yanks No Stronger.
"If the Yanks have no more in Scott than they had in Peckinpaugh that keeps the race on something like an even keel, because the champions are no stronger. If they are no stronger I'd like to see how any one gets out of these days of the going to carry them through against the handicaps that they will have in other ways and the fact that every other team in the league will be after them.

"Don't tell me that they don't go after the champions. I've seen championship teams and I know. I can't tell why, unless it's human nature.

"I'm talking for the second-division teams," added Ty, grinning as he finished. "You see they've put me down there already and I'm not going to see our end of the league lose out for the lack of a little verbal encouragement. And honestly, I think that a pennant is won in the last four or five days of a championship race.

"You know one injury or one week of bad luck is likely to stick the champions six or seven games, and believe me, when a club is out six or seven games in these days of championship baseball it's just loading up the old horse until his back bends, his legs begin to sway and the first thing you know he is down on his knees."

Greenlee Gets Players.
Ed Hanley, infielder from the St. Louis Nationals, and Catcher Joe Casey of the Virginia League have been bought by the Greenville club. Lee Phame, all-around athlete at Furman University, also has been obtained.

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BIG FIELD OF ATHLETES IN A. A. U. TITLE MEET

NEW YORK, February 10.—The Metropolitan District will be represented by a team of some twenty-odd athletes at the National Senior Indoor Amateur Athletic Union games at Buffalo on Saturday night.
Dick Landon, the Olympic high jump champion, will compete in the 6-foot man and Bill Plant will appear in the walks. William Massey and Ralph Hills of Princeton will be entered in the hurdle races, while Joe Sellers and Joe Higgins are among the entrants for the middle distance runs. Columbia University will be represented by a relay team.
Other colleges which will be represented by athletes in the relays of individual championship events are Pennsylvania, Yale, Syracuse, Harvard, Penn State, Notre Dame and Princeton.

HILLTOP RELAY RUNNERS WILL RACE AT BUFFALO

Georgetown University's relay four tonight will leave for Buffalo, where it will compete tomorrow in the A. A. U. championship. The Hilltoppers will run in the medley mile-and-three-quarters event. The team includes Le Gendre, Kinard, Masters and Connolly. New York Athletic Club, Penn State, Princeton, Columbia and Yale also will have teams in the race.

PENN TO SEND TRIO.
PHILADELPHIA, February 10.—Elmer McLane, Don Head and "Boots" Huggins, Penn State's relay team, will leave for Buffalo Saturday night. Lever, world recordholder at sixty yards, will compete in that event at Buffalo. Lane and Head are entered in the two-mile race.

STRUNK SAYS WHITE SOX MUST INCREASE HIS PAY

PHILADELPHIA, February 10.—If the White Sox want Amos Strunk to play this year they will have to pay more than the contract they mailed him the other day calls for, Strunk said today. He said that the terms, although raised over last year, did not suit him and that he would not sign the contract. Strunk is selling automobile insurance this winter and says the outdoor hustling has kept him in fine condition.

THORPE GOES TO COAST

PORTLAND, Ore., February 10.—Jim Thorpe, former Olympic foot ball and base ball star, has been purchased by the Toledo club of the Portland Pacific Coast League club.

SMITH OF CARDS SIGNS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., February 10.—Jack Smith, an outfielder of the local National League team, has signed his 1922 contract. Last year Smith did not come to terms until the season had started.

CLUBS FINED BY LANDIS FOR VIOLATION OF RULES

CHICAGO, February 10.—The Cincinnati Nationals' title to the services of Cliff Markle, transferred to the Reds by the Atlanta Southern Association club, in July, 1921, has been affirmed in a decision handed down by Judge Landis, commissioner of base ball. Markle's transfer to Cincinnati was made by Atlanta after the latter club had agreed to carry him on its reserve list for the benefit of the New York Americans, Cincinnati being ignorant of this agreement.
The decision holds that if a club, acting in good faith, acquires the services of a player, its rights will be protected regardless of a subsequent disclosure of facts impugning the title of the assignor club which would have affected the player's free agency had such disclosures occurred before the transfer was made.
The decision holds that Atlanta's title is invalid, that the contract between Cincinnati and Atlanta is null and void, and that the players received by Atlanta for Markle are returned to Cincinnati. It further orders that if Cincinnati elects to retain Markle's services it shall forward a check for \$4,000, the draft price of the Southern Association, to the secretary-treasurer for delivery to Markle.
Malone Is Reinstated.
Player Malone of Brooklyn who has been on the ineligible list for violation of his reserve obligation, was restored to the active list.

YANK FACES A HARD TASK IN WORLD CHECKER PLAY

GLASGOW, Scotland, February 10.—Two more drawn games played today in the world checkers championship match between Newell W. Banks of Detroit and Robert Stewart, Scotch expert, brought the score to thirty-three drawn games, one victory for Banks and two for Stewart. Four more games are to be played.

LEONARD FAVORED TO WIN IN TITLE GO WITH KANSAS

NEW YORK, February 10.—Rocky Kansas, rugged Italian pugilist of Buffalo, will tonight get his second chance at the world lightweight title in a fifteen-round decision bout with Champion Benny Leonard. In an open arena in Harrison, N. J., last summer, Kansas met the champion in combat for twelve rounds, a no-decision contest as required by New Jersey law, and Leonard was acclaimed the victor on points by a majority of fistic experts in attendance.

MORE THAN 230 TEAMS ENTER PRINCE CARNIVAL

PHILADELPHIA, February 10.—More than 230 institutions, including 76 colleges and universities, have entered athletes in the annual relay carnival of the University of Pennsylvania on April 28 and 29. In the list, which includes nearly all sections of the country, are 41 preparatory, 84 high and grammar schools.

STEINMETZ IS LEADING FOR SKATING TROPHY

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., February 10.—William Steinmetz, Chicago, ice skater, had things about his own way in the opening events of the diamond trophy championship yesterday. By winning both the mile and 220-yard events Steinmetz took a big lead in the field of five amateurs qualified to compete for the trophy. His time of thirty-seven and six-tenths minutes in the mile, earned thirty points. Roy McWhirter of Chicago, the national champion, by winning second in the 220-yard dash and tied with Charles Jewtraw of Lake Placid for third place in the mile, has twenty-five points.
Jewtraw garnered only five points, and Charles Gorman of St. John, N. B., the other competitor, failed to place in either race.

REDS GET NEW HURLER

CINCINNATI, Ohio, February 10.—Thurman Wical, right-handed pitcher, of Port William, Ohio, has been signed by the Cincinnati Nationals. Wical, who is twenty-one years of age, has had no professional experience.

SKATE FOR PRO TITLE

CLEVELAND, Ohio, February 10.—Six of the fastest ice skaters in the country are entered in the indoor professional championship, to be decided here tonight and tomorrow night. Those entered are Norway, Gaptie of Minneapolis, Bobby McLean of Chicago, Everett McGowan of St. Paul, Ben O'Sickey of Cleveland, Donald Baker of New York and Edmund Lamy of Saranac Lake.

GREENLEAF TO END VISIT AT THREE-CUSHION PLAY

Ralph Greenleaf, national pocket billiard champion, who, with Larry Stouenberg, has been playing exhibition matches at Sherman's Academy since Wednesday, will end his visit here today with contents at three-cushion billiards. Greenleaf's opponents will be local amateurs. He will meet Huggins at 2:30 o'clock and Norton at 5:15.
The champion defeated Stouenberg in three-pocket billiard games yesterday. The scores at Sherman's were 150 to 93 and 150 to 117. At Walter's Hotel, Greenleaf won 125 to 86. In the engagements Greenleaf had runs of 42, 42 and 41.

1,127 TEAMS ENTERED IN BOWLING TOURNEY

New York state has eighty-one of the five-man teams entered in the American Bowling Congress tournament to begin at Toledo February 27. Twelve of these come from New York city, while Buffalo has thirty-four, Rochester thirteen and Syracuse six. Seven other New York towns and cities make up the total. The total entry is 1,127 teams, or nearly 200 more than were registered last year at Buffalo.

RACING DATES NAMED

Differing only to a trifling extent from those of last year, the 1922 racing dates for the four one-mile tracks of the state have been officially announced by the Maryland racing commission. Opening at Bowie on April 1, the spring season will flourish for a period of thirty-seven racing dates, winding up at Pimlico May 13. The fall campaign begins at Havre de Grace September 29 and concludes at Bowie November 30, a period of fifty-five days of the sport.

Big Field in Bike Race

CHICAGO, February 10.—Riders from Australia, Italy, Belgium and Poland and American stars will participate in the six-day bike race to start here Sunday night, according to the pairings, announced today.

WASHINGTON GUNNERS TO MEET ORIOLE TEAM

Trapshooters of Washington Gun Club will try their skill in competition with the scattergun artists of Baltimore February 22, the local organization having accepted the challenge of the Oriole Gun Club to shoot a match with them over the Maryland traps. The contest will be at 100 targets, 16-yard rise, and all members of the two clubs are eligible to compete. The ten high guns on each side will constitute the teams.

Work on the newly acquired grounds of the local club on Benning road adjacent to the Potomac Electric Power Company tract is progressing and the club has ordered two new automatic traps and a carload of clay targets. It is expected that the grounds will be ready for use by the end of March and that the opening shoot will be a return match with the Orioles.

In the meantime the club is conducting shoots every Saturday over the traps at Bethesda, Md., just beyond the Chevy Chase Club. Shoots start at 2 o'clock and visitors are welcome. The next shoot is expected tomorrow and next week, as the gunners are anxious to condition themselves for the Baltimore event.

HEAVYWEIGHT ASPIRANT REGISTERS A KNOCKOUT

NEW YORK, February 10.—Tarzan Larkin, Minnesota woodman, whose heavyweight pugilistic aspirations were shaken several nights ago in two minutes of fighting with Sailor Maxted, returned to form last night, knocking out Carl Danner of Elizabeth, N. J., in the third round.

DELAY TITLE CUE PLAY

The world three-cushion billiard championship between Benny Layton, the titleholder, and Alfred Dewey, set to start in Milwaukee February 16, has been postponed until February 27, 28 and March 1.

Junior Nine to Start

Candidates desiring trial with the Eastern Athletic Club Junior baseball squad should report at 14th and E streets southeast, tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock.

HOCKEY GAME RESULTS

At Winnipeg—Manitoba, 11; Duluth, 4. At Hamilton—Winnipeg, 2; Hamilton, 0.

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OFFER OF \$200,000 PURSE IS MADE BY A SYNDICATE

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BY FAIR PLAY.
NEW YORK, February 10.—Word went about Broadway haunts today that a definite offer had been received from an English syndicate of \$200,000 for a Dempsey-Carpentier fight. Insiders knew it was coming, and while Kearns is close-mouthed, he has been keeping near the cable for the past twenty-four hours. This sum is equal to that which William A. Brady has offered for a Dempsey-Wills fight in England, but Kearns, for obvious reasons, prefers Carpentier.

RELAY RECORD IS SET BY SCHOOL SWIMMERS

PHILADELPHIA, February 10.—A new national scholastic indoor swimming record for the 100-yard relay race was established last night by the Girard College team in a meet with West Philadelphia High School. Ann, Rehola, Freeman and Lane, the Girard quartet, negotiated the distance in 1 minute 22 4-5 seconds, 1-5 of a second better than the record set last year by the Duluth High School team.

BREAKS 149 TARGETS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., February 10.—Frank Troch, Vancouver, Wash., national trap shooting star, broke 137 targets straight, missed, and then ran out for a score of 149 in the 150-target event in the eighteenth annual mid-winter tournament here.

PACES TO RECORD ON ICE

MALONE, N. Y., February 10.—Edward Marque, owned by Cullinan Brothers of Avon, set what his owners claim to be a world record for pacing on an ice track, when he went a mile over the Malone course in 2:09 1/2.

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